



## **BC Taekwondo Federation**

2900 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C. V7N 4H9

10 June 2017

### **AGM**

Minutes of the BC Taekwondo Federation Annual General Meeting that took place on June 10, 2017 at the Hilton Hotel Metrotown in Vancouver, BC.

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. Approval of Agenda:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:22 am by Master Tony Kook, Vice President. A membership review noted 77 clubs with 3 members in waiting. 23 delegates were present, representing 30% of members. There were no additions to the agenda under others.

1<sup>st</sup> motion for approval of the agenda by Master Jason Ruiter

2<sup>nd</sup> motion for approval of the agenda by Master Mehdi Saadati

Motion carried.

#### **2. Approval of minutes from the 2016 AGM:**

There were no clarifications or concerns regarding the 2016 minutes.

1<sup>st</sup> motion for approval of the 2016 minutes by Master Milad Bahrami

2<sup>nd</sup> motion for approval of the 2016 minutes by Master Carl Fortin

Motion carried.

#### **3. President's Report:**

Master SC Kim recognized the proclamation of Taekwondo Day in BC and noted plans to continue promoting the sport to the national level. Master SC Kim also spoke of the very successful World Junior Taekwondo Championships that took place in Burnaby and which was the largest world tournament ever held in Burnaby. The Korean Consulate Cup was also mentioned, and Master SC Kim was grateful for the sponsorship from the Korean Consulate General. Master SC Kim congratulated and thanked the coaches for Team BC, and also recognized the Cadet and Junior National Champions from the recent Taekwondo Nationals held in Montreal in May 2017.

#### **4. Vice President's Report:**

Master Kook reiterated the President's sentiment regarding the productive year for Taekwondo BC. He described BC as a nationwide leader in terms of events and achievements in Taekwondo. The year started with the successful BC Open. The Olympic games were an achievement, specifically because the President of BC Taekwondo attended the games as a referee. The proclamation of Taekwondo Day by BC Premier Christy Clark was also significant in that this proclamation was the first for any sport. The development of poomsae also continues to be significant. Master Kook



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indicated that the World Junior Taekwondo Championships in Burnaby was the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest event ever held in BC following the Vancouver Olympics. Master Kook thanked those who participated and helped with this and other events this year. Master Kook then described the legacy of the BC Taekwondo Federation for 2016-17. First, discussions with school boards about introducing Taekwondo into schools promise to promote interest in and the growth of the sport. Next, the return of the Kukkiwon team with 3 planned performances in the coming year will be an important event for showcasing elite athletes and promoting interest in the sport. Additionally, Master Kook commented on goals for the growth and development of sparring and poomsae programs at a grassroots level. Master Kook made a call for members to join a Strategic Planning Committee to work on the growth and development of these programs. Master Kook thanked the committees, members, and the President, and spoke words of encouragement for continued involvement in BC Taekwondo plans and events.

### **5. Secretary General's Report:**

Given by Master Tony Kook in place of Master Dan Thornton who was not present. Master Dan Thornton is stepping down after two years as Secretary General. The new Secretary General will be Master M. Jang (spelling?). There was no report submitted. Master Kook discussed the Member Affiliation Model, and emphasized that simultaneous provincial and national membership are mandatory for members. Members should report black belt students and instructors in particular, as these students are those likely to participate in workshops, training programs, etc.

### **6. Treasurer's Report:**

Kristina Singer first addressed the financial position of BC Taekwondo. There was \$6000 in acquired equipment, including tablets and 2 new rings for tournaments. There was \$51 000 in tournament revenue, and \$30 000 received from the government. The administrative costs have increased due to a new full time administrative assistant position. \$30 000 was awarded this year, \$8000 of which will go to athletes. Membership fees appear to have increased, however, Singer notes that this is a timing difference. Singer produced a report showing the reconciliation of expenses compared with the budget. There was less revenue from tournaments than expected. Singer suggested a new collection strategy for membership fees and insurance, noting that often notices for payment of fees/insurance do not result in prompt payment. Singer stated she would email this new report to members. Singer detailed the new budget, stating that most items were consistent. There was a \$12 000 sponsorship from the Korean Consulate received this year. There was an increase in tournament/championship supply costs. There was an increase in the equipment budget by \$2500 to reflect prospective purchases of a new 10x10 ring and electronic helmets (e-helmets have a high cost point at around \$800 apiece). Singer had an excess set aside for proposed acquisitions.

1<sup>st</sup> motion to pass financials by Master Jason Ruiter

2<sup>nd</sup> motion to pass financials by Master Azizi

Motion carried.



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Discussion: There is a suggestion by Master Kook to introduce new line item for High Performance workshops, fees, etc. Master Kook stated that there are connections to high performance facilities in Burnaby and Richmond that are not being taken advantage of. This money might also be used to support the expansion of poomsae as well. Some questions were asked about which athletes would be eligible for High Performance training, and how an athlete could become an elite athlete. Singer proposes \$2500. Master Ruiter points out an error in the tournament revenue from the Korean Consulate Cup, correcting it from \$12 000 to \$19 000. Master Kook adds that tournament revenue is expected to increase if entry fees are increased. It is decided that \$3000 for High Performance is possible in this budget.

1<sup>st</sup> motion to add \$3000 for High Performance by Master Kook

2<sup>nd</sup> motion to add \$3000 for High Performance by Master Mehdi Saadati

Motion carried.

Discussion: Master Milad Bahrami suggests adding a new ring into the budget to replace the current rings which have many holes and pose a safety risk. Singer adds that the tournament budget is currently \$4500 with the additional \$2500 for new 10x10 ring and e-helmets. It is proposed that another \$2000 be added to fund another ring.

1<sup>st</sup> motion to increase line item by Master Milad Bahrami

2<sup>nd</sup> motion to increase line item by Master Tony Kook

Motion carried.

1<sup>st</sup> motion to accept budget with 2 extra line items by Master Jason Ruiter

2<sup>nd</sup> motion to accept budget with 2 extra line items by Master Carl Fortin

Motion carried.

## **Reports from Committees**

1. Report from Tournament Committee from Master Jason Ruiter. Master Ruiter posed the question "what are we getting out of tournaments?" Master Ruiter went on to argue that rather than directly growing schools, tournaments serve to generate buzz around Taekwondo. For example, a kid that doesn't do well at a tournament represents an opportunity to teach and encourage that student to persevere and overcome the challenges they may encounter in Taekwondo and in life, eventually leading to success and positive memories around Taekwondo and that coach. On the other hand, a kid that does do well may end up disseminating pictures on social media of their medals and experience, leading to buzz around the sport. Master Ruiter stated that rather than trying to convince members present at the meeting of this, he seeks to stimulate participation from clubs that aren't present at tournaments. Thus, growing clubs isn't the primary goal of tournaments. Master Ruiter outlined the goals for the Tournament Committee which included introducing a late registration fee for tournament registration to make predicting numbers, tournament organization, and improve tournaments overall easier. Also, Master Ruiter discussed promoting the



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Facebook page, and noted the longterm buzz-generating potential of social media.

Discussion: The committee currently has three members. Questions were asked. Master Fortin suggested introducing incentives and recognition for those competitors that compete in more than one event at a tournament (ie. Poomsae AND/OR Sparring AND/OR Breaking), especially for colour belts who need not specialize so early in their training. Other questions related to trends in tournament participating and revenue, and the online registration channels. It was suggested by Master Milad that maybe masters getting notifications of student registration would help tournament organization and prevent students from falling through the cracks.

2. Coach's Report by Master Dan Thornton, not present. A report was submitted, see attached. There were some corrections regarding the number of medals achieved. The suggestion of hosting a workshop outlining the new rules was highlighted.
3. Volunteer Committee Report by Master Chris Izdebski. Master Izdebski congratulated members on this year's success. He noted the significant decrease in volunteer participation at the recent Korean Consulate Cup. There were 7 volunteers present. Master Izdebski suggested that clubs sending athletes to tournaments should market the volunteer opportunity to their students. The incentive for volunteer participation is primarily that volunteer experience required to graduate in BC. Volunteers receive lunch and an honorarium for volunteering. Master Izdebski emphasized that more clubs should send volunteers: currently, volunteers come primarily from North Shore Taekwondo and Tricity Taekwondo.
4. Medical Report by Dr. Harry Sese. A report was submitted, see attached. There were no major injuries this year. Dr. Sese asked for as much advance notice as possible for events where medical services are required.
5. Government Funding Report by Master Dan Thornton, not present. Master Kook discussed two goals. First, the more members and growth that are shown to the government, the more funding received. If members report accurate numbers an increase in funding can be expected. Second, members should send results to Master Kook to be sent to ViaSports – this will also help increase funding opportunities.
6. Referee Committee Report by Master John Kim. A report was submitted, see attached. Master Kim discussed plans to add more poomsae referees. Currently, there are 94 active referees (2016-17) that have participated in at least one seminar. Approximately one third participate in one tournament only, and two



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thirds participate in multiple. This represents a turnaround of approximately 30 a year. Master Kim commented that are not enough events to significantly improve referee skills for a new referee. This year, at least 5 P1's are eligible to do the National N3 level, which should be encouraged. There were 8 referee seminars this year, 4 certification and 4 refreshers. The numbers of both male and female students at workshops are good. Master Kim stated that the more that is done to help coaches and athletes understand new rules the better. Master Kim discussed tournament participation: at the Master's Cup there were 31 referees and some volunteer referees; at the Provincials/Team Trials there were 34 referees and 10 volunteer referees despite poor weather; at the Senior Nationals there were 2 BC refs; and at the Korean Consulate Cup there were 21 referees and 2 volunteer referees. Master Kim made a call for new referees. Students must be 14/15 or older and blue belt or above. Master Kim noted that KP&P PSS equipment is used exclusively. There are enough controllers for 8-10 rings. Master Kim described a goal to draft new policies for local tournaments to ensure from a safety perspective that participating referees know and understand the rules.

Discussion: some questions were asked regarding IVR software for the official black belt division and the process of becoming a National Referee.

### **Election**

There were four nominations:

1. Master Song Chul Kim for another 2-year term as President
2. Master Tony Kook for another 2-year term as Vice President
3. Kristina Singer for another 2-year term as Treasurer
4. Master Jason Ruiter for another 2-year term as board member

There were no oppositions and so these four nominations resulted in election by acclamation.

**Introduction of Master Minku Chang as the new Secretary General appointed by the President.**

### **Adjournment**

- 1<sup>st</sup> motion to adjourn Master Azizi
- 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to adjourn Master Ebrahim Saadati

Motion carried.

The 2017 Annual General Meeting for the BC Taekwondo Federation was adjourned at 11:41 am on June 10, 2017.

End of minutes